

successful local organization committed to reducing substance abuse among our young people through prevention and education.

John is a graduate of Yale University. He has recently taken on a new challenge as Yale's vice president of finance and administration. His wife, Francie, is also a dedicated and effective community volunteer. They have four children.

All of us in the Cincinnati area congratulate John on this prestigious honor.

REMARKS ON THE DEMOCRATIC REFERENDA IN TAIWAN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about an important and timely issue: the right of the people of Taiwan to hold a democratic referendum.

Only 20 years ago, Taiwan was ruled by an authoritarian dictatorship under martial law. Today, it is a flourishing, multiparty democracy that holds competitive elections, respects human rights and upholds the rule of law. It is also our close friend and ally.

On March 20, Taiwan will hold its third Presidential election. That same day, the Taiwanese people will vote on two referenda related to Taiwan's self-defense.

Some argue the U.S. should oppose these votes because they will needlessly antagonize China. I disagree.

While it is important for the U.S. to have China's cooperation on a number of issues, our foreign policy should not be based on trying to avoid making China angry—that would be tantamount to giving them veto power over our actions.

Rather, our policy should be guided by U.S. national interests, which undeniably include the promotion and support of democracy in every corner of the globe.

What kind of message would it send to those courageous individuals struggling for democracy in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and other parts of the world if we tell the people of Taiwan that they should refrain from exercising their hard-won right to cast a ballot on key issues of the day?

With all due respect to China, this is not about Taiwanese independence. This is not a "provocation." This is about the peaceful exercise of the purest form of democracy.

I strongly support Taiwan's right to hold these referenda, free from intimidation, and I urge all my colleagues to do the same.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND PANDURANG SHASTRI ATHAVALE

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, it is with utmost pleasure and privilege that Mr. HONDA and I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Reverend Pandurang Shastri Athavale and the Devotional Associates of Yogeshwar (DAY) in California. On Saturday, March 13,

2004, the Devotional Associates of Yogeshwar paid homage to a spiritual leader, and friend to all, Reverend Pandurang Shastri Athavale, better known as Dadaji.

Reverend Dadaji passed away on October 25, 2003, leaving behind a message that has changed the lives of millions of people around the globe. Reverend Dadaji spent 50 years giving new meaning to Bhakti, or devotion, by emphasizing the concept of an "Indwelling God." Reverend Dadaji believed that having an awareness of the nearness of God and a reverence for that power, created reverence for self, others, nature, and a reverence for all of creation. He believed that devotion, as an expression of gratitude to God, could become a powerful social force that could transform all aspects of human life at all levels of society and ultimately solve all the problems of mankind.

The Swadhyaya Process, the way of living taught by Reverend Dadaji, is inclusive of all religions, and does not define a Deity, but allows the choice of a Deity to be defined by the worshippers. According to the Swadhyaya Process, this way of living creates a sense of family and belonging within the community, where no one person is more or less important than the other, and all members work in efficiency and coordination.

In 1997, Reverend Dadaji was the recipient of the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion for his innovative and influential religious teachings. The Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion is one of the largest financial annual awards in the world, and is awarded only to living individuals who, through outstanding originality, have advanced the world's understanding of God or spirituality.

The work of Reverend Dadaji in rural India exemplifies these qualities. The teachings of Swadhyaya have transformed 100,000 villages of rural India prompting the United Nations to name this movement as one of the most significant developments in the world. Through principles taught by Reverend Dadaji, the villagers dedicate a few days of labor per year as demonstrations of their devotion to God. Through joint efforts by the villagers, people from all religions, castes, and economic strata build temples, community farms, orchards, and centers. The products of their efforts are then given to the needy and to the community as a whole, thereby creating a society where no one is marginalized or forgotten. Worldwide the Swadhyaya Process has millions of followers, including approximately 15,000 in the United States alone.

Mr. Speaker, in light of the Devotional Associates of Yogeshwar's recent gathering to pay tribute to Reverend Pandurang Shastri Athavale and his many accomplishments, it is with great admiration and pride that we ask our colleagues to join us today in saluting this exceptional leader.

A TRIBUTE TO DORIS BLACKSTOCK, 29TH CONGRES- SIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2004

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. During the

month of March, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our Nation's most distinguished women. It is my great privilege to recognize outstanding women who are making a difference in my district.

I stand today, to recognize an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Mrs. Doris Blackstock. Mrs. Blackstock's passion for community service, especially her immense contribution to the American Red Cross, has made our community a better place in which to live.

Born and raised in Winfield, Kansas, Doris attended Winfield High School, continuing her journey into higher education at Southwestern College and Methodist College.

During World War II, Mrs. Blackstock moved to Los Angeles, California, where she got a job at Foster Kleiser Outdoor Advertising Company, now Clear Channel. She met her husband, Joseph Blackstock, the company's Director of Research and Public Relations and they married in 1946, enjoying 53 years of marriage until his death in 1989. While staying at home and raising their two sons, Joseph Jr. and Forrest, Doris was an active member of the Parent Teacher Association and is currently a Life Member.

In 1966, she began her extensive volunteer career with the American Red Cross in Alhambra, working an average of 8 hours a day for many years. Her duties included assisting the military families program, presenting programs on Earthquake Preparedness, and responding to local disasters. The National Headquarters of the American Red Cross often sent Mrs. Blackstock to other locations in the United States to assist with major disasters. In addition, she served for 6 years on the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross.

A natural leader and "professional volunteer," Doris currently volunteers at the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, the Wholly Grounds Coffee House at Alhambra's Atherton Baptist Home and the Alhambra American Red Cross. She is a long-time member of many organizations, including the Alhambra Women's Club, and the Order of Eastern Star #193 Alhambra-Granada Chapter. Additionally, Doris is active at her church, First United Methodist Church in Alhambra.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Doris Blackstock. The entire community joins me in thanking Doris Blackstock for her continued efforts to make the 29th Congressional District a better place in which to live.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to correct a vote which I cast erroneously last week in support of H.R. 3717. I did not mean to vote for this legislation, and I would like that fact to be noted in the RECORD.

It goes without saying that no one likes to vote against a bill that purportedly is designed to reduce the coarseness and crudity of public discourse. We are all aware that the limits of

socially acceptable behavior have changed significantly and continue to evolve, sometimes in ways that are offensive to many in our society.

But this legislation simply goes too far, imposing massive financial penalties and potentially license revocation for actions and words that are far too broad and ill-defined. Far too much authority is placed in the hands of the FCC—which is not a court, which is not elected by anyone—to determine what Americans can voluntarily listen to or watch. The courts have established clear parameters for unacceptable speech; this legislation goes much further, imposing massive penalties and punishment that could—and presumably would—vastly exceed the constraints imposed by the courts.

Coming at a time when so many of our fundamental freedoms are under regular assault by those willing to sanction a lessening of personal liberty, this legislation is particularly disturbing. Many of those who long have described themselves as “conservatives” and “upholders of the Constitution” now sanction all manner of intrusiveness into the private and personal lives of Americans: whom the live with, whom they associate with, what they listen to, to whom they send emails. This is a period of serious overreaching into the personal and private lives of Americans. We as Members of Congress need to be more vigilant than this legislation suggests we are being.

I appreciate that some of the proponents of this legislation are genuinely offended by what they hear on the radio or see on television. That is why there is an “on/off” button and a channel selector on every TV and radio manufactured. People should use them. Parents should use them. But Congress should not be recklessly imposing penalties of this scope on entertainers whom millions of our fellow citizens choose to patronize by listening to their programs.

HONORING BRUNO DAUBE

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, they say the sinew of our representative democracy is its citizens. When a citizen rises above tremendous challenges and goes on to live an exemplary life of charity to others, our country is strengthened. The Sixth Congressional District of Illinois, which I represent, has such a citizen, and his name is Mr. Bruno D. Daube.

Orphaned at the age of 13, Bruno Daube found himself homeless and a ward of the State. In those days, the state did not have any facilities for homeless juveniles, which is why Mr. Daube was relegated to living at a juvenile detention prison for 3 years. Through no fault of his own, he was subjected to treatment like any common criminal offender.

Yet despite this adversity, Mr. Daube managed to summon up the courage to become a model citizen for others to emulate. His commitment to country during the Korean War prompted him to join the Air Force at the young age of 17. During his service, he bettered himself by taking classes at the University of Arizona, and following his honorable

discharge from the Air Force, he used the GI Bill to complete his education in business and commercial law.

Mr. Daube's personal experience with homelessness led him to Chicago's Night Ministry organization. Inspired to help others, he took courses in counseling and theology at McCormack College. For years, he walked the city streets, helping the homeless find shelter, food and jobs.

In 1998, he was recognized as the longest serving volunteer of the Night Ministry, and he continues to work there today. When his health no longer permitted him to walk the streets and climb steps, he turned his attention to troubled teens from broken families, persons who were forgotten in nursing homes and others struggling with the issues of alcohol and drug abuse. Recently, he was recognized for giving over 20 years of service and more than 20,000 hours of caring to the homeless, the poor and the forgotten.

In sum, Mr. Daube deserves national recognition for his significant contribution to humanity and his promotion of Christian morals. Despite tremendous obstacles and personal hardship, Mr. Daube has personified the honorable characteristics of courage, tenacity and perseverance.

Therefore, I rise today to commend Mr. Daube for his decades of selfless service to an untold number of individuals. As he prepares to celebrate his 72 birthday on April 12, let it forever be memorialized in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that Mr. Bruno D. Daube is indeed an extraordinary individual and a heroic citizen of the greatest country in the world, the United States of America.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES AND CELEBRATES THE CAREER OF SHUJI MARUYAMA SENSEI

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished Shuji Maruyama Sensei and honor his contributions to the martial arts in the United States and throughout the world as well as the contributions to his many students in New Jersey, the United States and the world.

Mr. Maruyama is the founder of Kokikai Aikido International, based on Aikido, a Japanese martial art developed in the 20th century by Morihei Ueshiba. Aikido combined elements from other martial disciplines to develop an effective defense against multiple attackers. Shuji Maruyama further developed this art and founded his own school, Kokikai Aikido. Used only defensively, this art is characterized by startling grace and power. This martial art presumes it is necessary to be centered, relaxed, to have correct posture and a positive mind. These principals are not only helpful in defending oneself, but are effective tools for enhancing productivity and enjoyment of life.

The dual emphasis of this martial art on self-defense and peaceful resolution of conflict has enriched the lives of many of his students in the United States and abroad. Maruyama Sensei has played a key role in introducing

this martial art to the United States and supporting its growth and vibrancy. He is a teacher of exceptional skill.

Now in his 60s, Maruyama Sensei is acknowledged as one of the world's greatest living martial artists, a model of grace and power, and an extraordinary teacher. He constantly challenges himself calling his students to do the same and encouraging them to continue to grow and improve.

As an individual who has touched the lives of countless individuals, nationally and internationally, Shuji Maruyama Sensei has enhanced the health and well being of each. He has earned our heartfelt appreciation for his efforts. I ask my colleagues to join me in giving him this recognition.

A TRIBUTE TO HELEN KENNEDY, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2004

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I stand today to recognize an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Mrs. Helen Kennedy of San Gabriel. Mrs. Kennedy has been pivotal in the social and cultural vitality of our community and I wish to salute her efforts today.

Helen and her husband, George Kennedy, first moved to San Gabriel in 1942, where they raised their 2 children, Brian and Drake. Helen and George worked together in their family business, Kennedy Outdoor Advertising, and became actively involved in the community of San Gabriel. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy volunteered for the Boy Scouts of America, Little League, and were instrumental in the development of Vincent Lugo Park. Helen was the first PTA President of San Gabriel High School while George fund-raised for the purchase of lights for the high school's new football field. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy enjoyed 55 years of marriage until his death in 1988.

Helen Kennedy, often referred to as “San Gabriel's Sweetheart,” has an impressive and varied list of city, county and state accomplishments. Appointed to the San Gabriel City Council in 1963, she won election in 1964 and served on the council for 17 years, serving 2 terms as mayor. She was a cofounder of the California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research, along with U.S. Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN.

The founder of the Friends of the Library, and Checkmates for Cancer at the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center, she also volunteered for years at La Casa de San Gabriel Community Center. Helen currently serves on the boards of the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center Foundation and the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, Women's Division.

An avid supporter of the arts, Helen spearheaded the successful fund-raising campaign to restore the original doors of the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium, and obtained the theater